10. An appeal was made by one Antáji Támbe from a decision in a case involving the question of the right of Government to teak in occupied *khoti*-lands, and the High Court decided in favour of the *khót*. The circumstances of this case were, however, considered peculiar, and the decision is not, therefore, accepted as a precedent in all cases of a similar nature.

11. Special measures of fire-protection were adopted, and 1,219 square miles were satisfactorily protected.

12. The area closed to all animals was 700 square miles, to browsers 762 square miles, and that open to all animals 3,821 square miles.

13. The number of cattle impounded for trespassing in closed forests amounted to 2,789 as against 4,283 for 1891-92.

14. Natural reproduction was, on the whole, satisfactory in fire-protected areas.

15. The quantity of timber exploited was curtailed because there was a large balance on hand from the previous year's yield, the whole of which could not be sold in that year, owing, apparently, to the poor demand consequent on the agricultural distress that prevailed in parts of the Southern Marátha Country.

16. The myrobollam-collection of the year under report was very poor, owing to the crops having been spoiled by October-rains.

17. The financial results of the year were, on the whole, favourable. Both the gross and net revenues of the year 1892-93 were larger than those of the year before. The receipts of the period under report (April 1, 1892, to June 30, 1893) amounted to Rs. 13,84,371 and the charges to Rs. 8,19,142.

This is the first report submitted to Government under the revised Forest-Code, in which a more elaborate account than that prescribed under the older form is contemplated. The consequence is that I have exceeded the limit of 20 pages.

CHAPTER I.

EXTENSION AND CONSTITUTION OF STATE FORESTS.

(i). ALTERATION OF AREA.

(ii). FOREST SETTLEMENTS.

18. The following table shows the forest-area of the Southern Circle for 1892-93:—

District.	Area on 1st April 1892.		Added during the year.		Excluded or transferred to other heads.		Area on 30th June 1893.		Total Forest area.
	Reserved.	Protected.	Reserved.	Protected.	Reserved.	Protected.	Reserved.	Protected.	
	Sq.m. a.	Sq.m. a.	Sq.m. a.	Sq.m. a.	Sq.m. a.	Sq.m. a.	Sq.m. a.	Sq.m. a.	Sq.m. a.
Kánara	754 78	2,793 357	0 504	1 333	0 128	0 421	754 454	2,794 269	3,549 83
Belgaum	494 362	196 572	...	...	...	...	494 362	196 572	691 294
Dhárwár	171 410	260 258	...	...	...	...	171 410	260 258	432 28
Bijápur	155 76	89 409	...	...	...	...	155 76	89 409	244 485
Kolába	381 286	63 582	...	0 6	...	...	381 286	63 588	445 234
Ratnágiri	20 80	.....	...	...	...	...	20 80	.....	20 80
Total ...	1,977 12	3,404 258	0 504	1 339	0 128	0 421	1,977 388	3,405 176	5,382 564

19. 504 acres were "Reserved," and 1 square mile 333 acres "Protected," in Kánara; 6 acres were added to the "Protected" forests in Kolába; while 128 acres and 421 acres were, respectively, disforested in the "Reserved" and "Protected" forests of Kánara, owing chiefly to mistakes in the original lists, which were rectified.

Kánara.

20. Mr. Sheppard, I. C. S., continued to be Forest-Settlement-Officer, Kánara, and completed the field-work connected with 7 villages of Kárwár and 168 of Sirsi, having a forest area of 23·59 square miles and 431·28 square miles, respectively. The final reports on these forests will, it is expected, be sent in during the present season.

21. Two Settlement-Officers were posted to Kánara, on Mr. Wingate's return from furlough, on the 31st May 1893.

22. The following area was notified under Section 4 of the Forest-Act :—

Acres.	Gunthas.	
601	7	in Ankola.
445	15	in Kárwár.
155,388	2	in Sirsi.
4,557	11	in Kumta.
1,999	29	in Yellápur.

Belgaum and Dhárwár.

23. In Belgaum, no field-work remained to be done. The orders of Government on previous reports have been received since the close of the year.

24. In Dhárwár, the Settlement-Officer reports that he finished the field-work, connected with the conversion into "Reserved", of the "Protected" forests of Dhárwár, Gadag, Karajgi and Bankápur, aggregating 111·8 square miles, and submitted a report on Dhárwár (22 square miles).

25. Mr. Knight further says that he would have been able to do more, but that his time during the travelling-season was cut short, firstly, by an accident in December that detained him at head-quarters for the whole of January, and, secondly, by his deputation to Bijápur in March, which detained him there for nearly 6 weeks.

Bijápur.

26. The settlement was delayed for want of maps. These are now ready for submission together with the final reports.

27. The following table shows the state, at the beginning and end of the year, of the settlement of the forests which were gazetted under Section 34 of the Forest-Act :—

Name of Collectorate.	Class of Forests.	At the commencement of the year. Areas under Section 34 in which private rights have not been enquired into, settled or recorded.	Areas dealt with during the year and sanctioned by Government. Under Section 19, Chapter II of the Forest Act.	Areas dealt with during the year and sanctioned by Government. Under Section 28, Chapter IV of the Forest Act.	Area of Reserved Forests alienated under Section 26.	Area of Protected Forests disforested under Government orders.	At the end of the year. Areas under Section 34 in which private rights have not been enquired into, settled or recorded.
		Sq. m. a.	Sq. m. a.	Sq. m. a.	Sq. m. a.	Sq. m. a.	Sq. m. a.
Kanára	Reserved	214 286	....	....	....	....	214 286
	Protected	2,342 611	....	....	....	....	2,342 611
Bijápur	Reserved	155 76	....	....	....	....	155 76
	Protected	89 409	....	....	....	....	89 409
Kolába	Reserved	11 353	....	....	....	....	11 353
	Protected	.....	....	....	....	....	....
Total ..	Reserved	381 75	....	....	....	....	381 75
	Protected	2,432 380	....	....	....	....	2,432 380

28. Government have passed orders on the settlement-reports on the Ankola (61 $\frac{633}{640}$ square miles), Yellápur (351 $\frac{49}{160}$ square miles) and Kumta (140 $\frac{23}{320}$ square miles) Forests (Government Resolutions No. 1140 of 9th February, 1893, No. 4350 of 17th June, 1893, and No. 6244 of 29th August, 1893). The Forest-Settlement-Officer's proposal to classify the areas partly as "Reserved" and partly as "Protected," was not accepted, and he has been directed to submit revised lists reserving the whole area.

29. The area remaining to be dealt with is :—

	Sq.m.	a.
In Kánara 2,557 square miles 257 acres (given in the table in paragraph 27 above) *minus* 553 square miles 235 acres referred to in the last paragraph	2,004	22
In Kolába	11	353
In Dhárwár (area to be converted into "Reserved") ...	266	286
	2,282	21

30. The settlement of the Belgaum-Forests, referred to in the 35th paragraph of the Administration-Report for 1891-92, has been sanctioned (see paragraph 23 above).

31. As regards the 11 square miles 353 acres of Kolába, the Collector writes that the settlement can be effected on receipt of orders on reports submitted by him.

32. In Bijápur, the state of the settlement-work is the same as that reported in paragraph 36 of the last Administration-Report.

33. Now that two Settlement-Officers have been appointed to Kánara, it is hoped that the settlement-work will advance rapidly.

34. The expenditure incurred on account of settlement during the period under report, amounted to Rs. 37,544, as shown below:—

Not charged to Forests.

	Rs.	Rs.
Salaries and allowances of Forest-Settlement-Officers, Kánara	12,325	
Do. do. Belgaum-Dhárwár ...	16,125	
		28,450

Charged to Forests.

Salaries and allowances of the establishments employed under the Forest-Settlement-Officer, Kánara, and contingencies	3,500	
Do. do. Belgaum-Dhárwár ...	3,633	
		7,133
Compensation ...		1,961
Total ...		37,544

35. The settlement of the year, which is represented by the above expenditure, comprises 565·95 square miles of the area for which field-work has been completed. The cost per square mile of settlements, effected during the year, comes to Rs. 66·3.

36. The total cost for settlement-operations up to 31st March, 1892, amounted to Rs. 2,86,574, and that incurred during the year under report was Rs. 37,544. The average cost of settlement up to date comes to Rs. 133·6 per square mile.

37. The settlement of the *Bet*-question is much to be desired. A Committee composed of Messrs. Betham, Sheppard and Lamb sat at Sirsi in January last, and submitted a report on the subject, which was forwarded to the Commissioner in April.

(iii). DEMARCATION.

(iv). SURVEYS.

38. The demarcation-establishment under the Forest-Settlement-Officer, Kánara, completed the clearing and survey of lines dividing the Protected from the Reserved forests, of Sirsi, which were settled during the previous year. The lines surveyed and demarcated, aggregated 107 miles $7\frac{3}{4}$ furlongs.

39. Field-books showing particulars of the survey and of boundary-marks for 22 villages of Sirsi, as well as maps, were prepared for the use of the village- and Forest-Officers.

40. Twenty-one miles of 30-feet lines, dividing Protected from Reserved forests, were also cleared in the Ankola sub-division of Kánara, and one mile in Mundgod under the supervision of the Forest-Officers. The average cost per mile amounted to Rs. 45.

41. The cost of demarcation amounted, in all, to Rs. 5,243.

42. Excepting for the forests of Kolába and Ratnágiri, exterior boundary-marks are erected and maintained by the Revenue-Department, the Forest-Department paying its share of expenses.